

August 2019 IELTS Writing Task 2 Questions

Two-Part Expository: Advantages and Disadvantages

Nowadays, many students live with their families while others go to another city to study at a university. What are the advantages and disadvantages of this? (1st Aug) (AC)

Two-Part Expository: Causes and Solutions / Problems and Solutions

Experts say that if older people spend their time with others and exercise daily, they will be healthier and happier. However, many elderly people suffer from a lack of exercise. Why is this happening? What can be done to solve this problem? (1st Aug) (AC)

It is becoming increasingly expensive for museums to be open to the public. Why is this happening? What would be the best solution to keep them open? (17th Aug) (GT)

In some countries the quality of life in larger cities is declining. Why do you think this is happening? What measures can be taken to stop this decline? (17th Aug) (AC)

Two-Part Expository: Mixed

These days, many of us prefer to throw damaged things away, whereas in the past people used to repair damaged items and keep them for a long time. Why is this happening? What are the effects of this change in attitude? (10th Aug) (AC)

Opinion

Some people think that living in a country for a period of time is needed to learn its language and culture. To what extent do you agree or disagree? (10th Aug) (AC)

Many studies have shown that most criminals have a low educational level. Some people say that to reduce crime rate, criminals should be educated within prisons to improve their prospects of employment when they are released. To what extent do you agree or disagree? (17th Aug) (AC)

Some people believe that entertainers are more important than scientists? Do you agree or disagree? (17th Aug) (GT)

Students from disadvantaged families and rural areas are finding it difficult to get a university education. Some people believe that universities should help them. To what extent do you agree or disagree? (24th Aug) (AC)

Discussion

Some people believe the media should be allowed to publish information about the private lives of people, while others are against this. Discuss both these views and give your own opinion. (1st Aug) (AC)

Some people believe that it is important to give gifts and presents to friends and family to show that we care about them while others think that there are better ways to demonstrate our care for these people. Discuss both these views and give your own opinion. (1st Aug) (GT)

Science has extended human life expectancy to one hundred years and even beyond. Some people view this in a positive light while others believe this creates some problems. Discuss both these views and give your own opinion. (1st Aug) (GT)

Some people believe that modern technology has enhanced sociable behaviour, but others think it has reduced social interactions. Discuss both these views and give your own opinion. (17th Aug) (GT)

Some people believe that to become successful in sports, one should have a natural talent. Others, however, think that perseverance and practice are more crucial to success. Discuss both these views and give your own opinion. (17th Aug) (GT)

Some people prefer to live in hot climates, whereas others love the lifestyle in countries with cold climates. Discuss both these views and give your own opinion. (17th Aug) (GT)

Others: Advantages and Disadvantages (Opinion)

More and more people are buying ready to eat food instead of cooking for themselves. Are there more advantages or disadvantages to this? (17th Aug) (GT)

To My Students

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